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Outstanding Paper Award, *Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy*, given to "The Brewer, the Baker, and the Monopoly Maker" (with D. Thomas), 2013.

Mason Emerging Scholar Award, to Honor Distinguished Faculty Who have Demonstrated Growing National and International Recognition, 2011.

Research Institute of Industrial Economics, Visiting Researcher, 2011.

APEE Distinguished Scholar Award, for Significant Contribution to the Research and Literature of Free Market Economics, 2011.

FEE Prize, for Best Book in Austrian Economics, given to *The Invisible Hook: The Hidden Economics of Pirates* (Princeton University Press), 2010.

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FEE Prize, for Best Article in Austrian Economics, given to "An-*arrgh*-chy: The Law and Economics of Pirate Organization" (*Journal of Political Economy*), 2008.

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FSSO Hayek Prize, given for scholarship on anarchy, 2007.

Kendrick Fund, Summer Fellow, 2006-2007.

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